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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that previously, Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/869,334 to ENDO et al., which was filed on September 26, 2001;

A. WITKOWSKI et al., Biochemistry, Vol. 38, 1999, pp. 11643-11650;

J.L. SEFFERNICK et al., Journal of Bacteriology, Vol. 183, No. 8, April 2001, pp. 2405-2410;

"Gene Name Search with the Pattern 'yjiB'", downloaded from

<http://www.pasteur.fr/Bio/SubtiList.html>;

F. KUNST et al., Nature, Vol. 390, 1997, pp. 249-256;

A. ALBERTS, Cardiology, Vol. 77 (suppl. 4), 1990, pp. 14-21; and

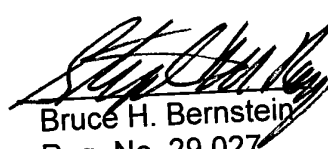
C. RIVOLTA et al., Microbiology, Vol. 144, 1998, pp. 877-884.

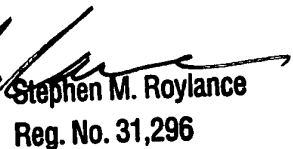
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Further, Applicants note that since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the filing of a Request for Continued Examination and prior to the issuance of an Office Action on the merits, no fee is believed necessary. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any necessary additional fees including any fee associated with this communication (including any fee required if an Office Action is crossing this Information Disclosure Statement in the mail) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to
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Respectfully Submitted,
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